

Minutes of Special meeting of SUU Faculty Senate
January 9, 2003
Trustee's Board Room

Those present: Brian Heuett, Joe Baker, Robert Eves, Virginia Stitt (also proxy for David Lund), Ty Redd, Curt Bostick, and Curt Bostick proxy for Kenny Laundra, Steve Evans, Rhea Gubler, Boyd Fife, Mike Grady, Eric Brown, Steve Barney, Mike McGarvey, Marth Hyder, Karen Atwood (proxy for Deb Hill), Darin Wadley, Scott Lanning, Janet Seegmiller, Steve Heath, Sara Ann Smith, Abe Harraf (Provost), Steve Bennion (President), Judy Higbee (proxy for Jerry Bowler), Roy Johnson, Ron Martin, Melissa Nielsen (University Journal) and Kimberly Patterson (University Journal).

The meeting was called to order by President Brian Heuett at 3:34 p.m.

Quick information: Kathy Black is very ill; she will be out until late January or February - contact person is Laurie Harris.

I. Final Examinations Policy. Moved by Karen Attwood, with a 2nd by Steve Barney that we accept the first paragraph of the policy as written; motion approved with unanimous acceptance. But later we changed the word "for" in the first line to "during".

Joe Baker moved that in paragraph three the word "permission" be changed to "approval" and the words "and department chair" (which were put in by the deans) be stricken; 2nd by Ty Redd and after discussion, the motion passed unanimously in the affirmative.

Curt Bostick pointed out that bone fide is misspelled; it should be bona fide. Ty Redd moved that the phrase "from appropriate department chairs" be removed; 2nd by Ron Martin; motion was passed unanimously in the affirmative.

Steve Barney moved that the phrase "or have a bona fide emergency" be removed; 2nd Rhea Gubler; after discussion, the motion passed in the affirmative by a vote of 19 in favor; 4 against.

Steve Barney moved that a 5th paragraph be added that would say "A final exam may be rescheduled (without fee payment), in case of a bona fide student emergency as defined by the faculty member." Ty Redd gave a 2nd for the motion; after discussion the vote was 22 in favor, and one abstention; the motion passed.

Discussion of the student who has three exams on same day clarified that he/she can only change one exam.

Eric Brown moved that the word "such" be left in the last sentence in paragraph 4, Scott Lanning gave a 2nd; after discussion; the motion passed in the affirmative with 22 in favor and one abstention.

Mike McGarvey or Rhea Gubler pointed out that distance and web based classes were not

addressed in this policy.

Announcement: Starting this Friday, high school seniors will be visiting the campus to apply for scholarships; any faculty wishing to help should contact Student Relations at #7741 to offer assistance.

II. Mission statement - should we work in collaboration with Weber State or not; should we work with Dixie State or not; or should we have our own identity. President Bennion spoke to us saying that we are basically a Type II institution, like Weber State; but with a different degree granting emphasis: Weber has c. 40% of its graduates with 2-year certificates or A.A./A.S. degrees; we have 10% graduating with 2 year degrees. Perhaps there could be a sub-category with SUU having both Masters and 2-year degrees.

Bob Eves asked if the role and mission of SUU was being pushed by the regents? Comments were made that no graduate programs will be awarded from SLSC or DSC. The question was asked if the Board of Regents would be willing to hear us? The answer is that the Regents don't want to rush; we need time to dialogue on this. It appears that many are concerned with the creep upward of SLSC and DSC.

Discussion on how we would feel about 2-year programs being eliminated. Technical education is now offered only by SUU, and as our role is to rural Utah we need to be aware that the area should help decide. Developmental programs are also unique to SUU.

Weber State appears to be happy with the Regents proposal except they need protection from UCAT being able to award A.S. degree. BAT was introduced. Evidently UCAT is beginning to offer two plus two degrees in conjunction with other schools to offer the Bachelor of Applied Technology.

Basic feeling seems to be that we are more concerned with line below us; a box needs to be put around those of us as at Level II institutions. Level III and IV need more definition to avoid institution creep.

We cannot afford financially to be a mini U. of U. We need to continue to develop teaching effectiveness; need a line below us to put a firmer box around us. We need to maintain teaching as the most important activity at SUU, at least 50% of our activity; scholarship 2nd, service 3rd. President Bennion mentioned that the hope is that c. \$160,000 will be put toward faculty training and development.

Further discussion was raised about specialized accreditation (which is costly) and just teaching. Provost Abe Harraf spoke to us, indicating that as a teaching institution the state budget does not allow flexibility and change in the 24-credit per year load that teachers carry; the ambition of accreditation is idealistic, but there are too many constraints. We must do our 12 hours per semester and scholarship must come individually beyond that. So we are in a state of confusion in defining who we are (teacher institution) and specialized accreditation. We need focus. Janet Seegmiller and Karen Atwood spoke about the unevenness of expectation of the State Board of

Education requiring NCATE accreditation of all teacher education departments.

Steve Heath proposed a resolution (attached); Ty Redd provided a 2nd. There was a discussion; a vote was called: the motion was accepted by 6, opposed by 9, and 4 senators abstained; thus the motion failed to pass. Steve Barney moved that we table further discussion; Ty Redd provided a 2nd. After discussion a vote was called; 16 senators were in favor of tabling the discussion, 4 opposed the motion and the motion passed in the affirmative.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.